

The year 1914, just past, has been very helpful for us in this locality. We hope and trust 1915 will hold good things in store for us, one and all. Let us stop now and take an inventory of the past year and start 1915 aright by keeping an accurate account of its expense and income. A check book will be a help to you.

The Wa-Keeney State Bank

Wa-Keeney, Kansas.

FOR SALE
90 Head of Shorthorn Springers
Saturday, Jan. 9, 1915
At Stock Yards
 Wa-Keeney, Kansas
C. A. FLOOD

Teachers' Column

By County Superintendent and Teachers

Was he not kind to you, this dead old Year?
 Did he not give enough of earthly store?
 Enough of laughter and good cheer?
 It is not well to hate him for the pain he brought you
 And the sorrows manifold.
 To him these hurts still I am fain,
 For in the panting period of his reign
 He brought me new wounds,
 But he healed the old.
 —Paul Laurence Dunbar—colored poet.

Twenty Peace Petitions signed by children of as many schools of our county are sent this week to the Children's Peace Petition Committee in New York City. From there, Miss Blake, chairman of the committee forwards them with thousands of others to the rulers in Europe. Will it do any good? Most assuredly it will. If you have any doubts concerning results of effort read Emerson's Compensation. "What will you have? quoth God; pay for it and take it."

Prin. S. R. Sutcliff of Quinter has an excellent article in the last week's Gove County Advocate on "Teacher's Pets". He "fesses" up that he has "pets" and adds that he will have them as long as life shall last. According to his definition "Teacher's Pets" designates pupils who attend school with the determination to get out of it the very best it has to offer; who never shrink; whose whole heart and soul is put forth into every task and whose ambition is to live up to the ideal the teacher has in view for the school. He thinks the "Teacher's Pets" when through with school life will be found the World's pets also. Business interests the wide world over are on the lookout for the young man and the young woman who possesses the characteristics of the Teacher's Pet. Strive to be "Teacher's Pet" is his advice.

Prin. J. A. Winshester and his able corps of teachers are busy preparing for a preliminary Golden Belt contest. The Wa-Keeney school has fine talent in readers, spellers and singers and there is no reason why they should not capture some of the best prizes offered in that line.

Prin. C. E. Frye from Collier, president of our Association sends word that the Teachers' Meeting for January 23 has been postponed to February 20 on the request of a large number of the country teachers who will be busy holding preliminary contests in their respective districts and townships preparatory to the county contest February 20.

The program Committee has chosen the following question for debate at the next Teachers' Meeting, February 20: Resolved: That it is the moral duty of the United States to proceed to disarm our military and naval forces in the interest of world peace. Affirmative—J. A. Winchester, Bert Greenwood, Edward Riggs; negative—C. E. Frye, George Kirby, S. M. Sutcliff. This will be a debate of unusual interest. The debaters are all good speakers and are spending much time and thought on the phase of the question that each represents.

PEACE PETITION SIGNERS
 Dist. 22, Old Bosna, Claire Marshall, teacher. School board: Messrs. Chas. Spena, J. Mumert, and J. Zeman. Children's Belgian fund: \$1.11. Pupils: Clarence Zeman, Homer Neff, Ralph Zeman, Harold Yanda, Emma Grippin, Eugenia Daugherty, Helen Zeman, Charles Zeman, Grace Spena, Elsie Zeman, Emma Knapp, Gladys Spena.

Dist. 24, Glendale, Miss Van Seyoc, teacher. School board: Messrs. John O'Toole, A. B. Van Seyoc, Geo. Morrell. Pupils: Ray Bushell, Rudolph Spitznagle, George Morrell, Margaret Spitznagle.

Dist. 38, Hackberry, Mr. O'Toole, teacher. School board: Messrs. P. W. O'Toole, Thomas O'Toole, Walter Guilbert; pupils—Edella Kvasnicka, Henry Kvasnicka, Thomas O'Toole, Lottie Kvasnicka.

Dist. 12, Rinker school, Lucy A. Bolce, teacher; school board—Messrs. H. P. Novis, Thomas Broomfield, J. M. Rinker; Belgian fund—\$1.00; pupils—Glenn Novis, Anthony Mong, Henry Nejd, David Broomfield, Paul Mattie, Laurence Novis, Myrtle Mong, Earl Mong, Harold Novis.

Dist. 11, North Glencoe, Miss Huck, teacher; school board—Messrs. C. C. Cross, Fred Egger, John Loflin; pupils—Thelma Furbeck, Arbutus Furbeck, Gladys Furbeck, Katie Schum, Laura Pape, Arthur Pape, Reinhold Deutscher, Henrietta Deutscher, Bertna Egger, Ethel Pape, Gerhart Deutscher, Agnes Deutscher.

Dist. 14, Diamond, Miss May Harlan, teacher; school board—Messrs. James Palmer, H. H. Tawney, Ira Holmstrom; collection by children—50 cents; pupils—Sadie Reade, Alice Cruson, Bertha Palmer, Bessie Tawney, Abbie Tawney, Robert Wynn, Walter Tawney, Norman Wynn, Lillie Burns, Ila Reade, Blanche Palmer, Horace Wynn, Charles Wynn, Rosie, Jennie, Belma and Arvilla Brant.

Dist. 10, Trego Center, Miss Xepha Harlan, teacher; school board—J. A. Saleen, Thos. Kutina, John Frbrizius; collection—35 cents; pupils—Raymond Stanton, Hilma Anderson, Ethel Saleen, Mamie Sitz, Eva Mai, John Hacker, Arvid Anderson, Ber-

tha Dietz, Sighard Fabrizio, Lydia Mai, Minnie Fabrizio, Elsie Bell, James Stanton, Esther, Anderson, Otto Dietz, Mary Fabrizio, Anna Fabrizio, Archie Stanton, Willie Dietz, Grace Bell.

Dist. 7, Banner, Miss Ida Rogers, teacher; school board—Messrs. F. W. Hawkes, R. E. Harvey, E. A. Wilds; children's collection—50 cents; pupils—Leroy Harvey, Rosella Redmond, Mary Redmond, Fred Behrns, Ralph Riggs, Edna Coen, Grace Coen, Marie Riggs, Edna Embree, Ralph Harvey, Fred Redmond, Albert Behrns, Mary Coen, Chas. Hawkes, Albert Hawkes. Reports are published in the order received, as space permits. More to be published next week.

District 23 Entertains

District 23, Spena school, Miss Mall, teacher, gave an elaborate program Wednesday evening, December 23, no admission being charged. The school board, Messrs. Mall, Papes and Oliver, not to be outdone by the Lessor school built a good platform and otherwise assisted the teacher and pupils to make the evening the splendid success it proved itself. It is said to be the best entertainment given in the district for years. The following are some of the numbers on the program:

Recitation—Willma Mall
 Song—The Happiest Christmas Day—By School
 Recitation—May Oliver
 Recitation—Floyd Mall
 Recitation—Josephine Papes
 Dialogue—Doings on Christmas
 Recitation—Pupils
 Recitation—Oris Mall
 Recitation—Ida Richardson
 Song—Stockings in a Row—School
 Recitation—Charley Richardson
 Dialogue—A Christmas Lesson—School
 Recitation—Fred Richardson
 Monologue—Lenora Richardson
 Recitation—Ray Papes
 Song—Star of the East—School
 Recitation—Florence Oliver
 Dialogue—The Unusual Husband—Pupils
 Recitation—Howard Richardson
 Song—Merry Christmas—School
 Recitation—Herbert Richardson
 Dialogue—Trouble in Santa Claus Land—School
 Recitation—Gordon Papes
 Recitation—Oris Mall
 Tableau—Bessie's Dream—School
 Santa Claus Drill—School

Epworth League Special Program

The Epworth League will take its temperature Sunday evening, January 10th, 6:30 p. m.
 Song service
 Prayer
 Scripture Lesson
 Music
 "Epworth Herald Night"
 Responsive Reading
 Song
 The Cabinet's View Concerning "The Herald"
 Address—Christian Literature
 Music
 "The Herald Club"
 "Taking the League's Temperature"
 Reading
 "Good Use of Old Heralds"
 Song
 Benediction
 The Epworthians will be glad to have you attend their special "Epworth Herald" service Sunday evening, January 10th, 6:30 p. m.

From the Ellis Headlight

Fred Cross received another car of Overland automobiles this week. Steve Beason of Wa-Keeney visited over Sunday with friends in Ellis. Martin Teeters returned Tuesday from Clay Center where he had been for a week or so visiting. Attorneys Holmquist of Hays and Long of Wa-Keeney were looking after some business in Ellis, Wednesday.

A. D. Eppler and wife returned to Ellis last week and Arch has again taken charge of the Blue Front Implement store at Wa-Keeney.

ALICE JOYCE

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Saturday Night
Doors open at 7:00
10c.
2 Shows
7:30 and 9:00
GARDEN THEATER

Rainfall, 1914

The following table shows the rainfall (including melted snow) at Wa-Keeney, month by month, for the year 1914:

January	.....	T
February	.....	.23
March	.....	.29
April	.....	1.76
May	.....	2.20
June	.....	3.12
July	.....	3.03
August	.....	4.90
September	.....	1.80
October	.....	.30
November	.....	T
December	.....	.35

Total inches.....17.98
 "T" indicates a "trace," or less than one hundredth of an inch at any one time.

The total precipitation for the year 1914 is a little less than 18 inches which is nearly three inches below the average of the last thirty years. The total for the year 1913 was 23.26 inches. It appears that the good crops of 1914 were in a large measure due to the heavy rains which came in the latter part of 1913, storing up moisture in the subsoil. A. S. P.

Dictagrams

A letter which was addressed "To the Pro Bate Gurge of Trego county" was safely delivered to yours "trulle." One of the "ares" saw fit to "reight" about "hur" interest in a certain estate, there being some talk of an effort to "Setel" it among "their Selves." This beats the "Public George" story which was started on our honorable court a few years ago.

Thirty-six marriage licenses were sold in Trego county in the year 1914, which is about one every ten days. Ministers and magistrates wax fat and roll in wealth on account of the marriage fees!

And the lawyers must get a whack at the easy money somewhere along the line, of course. During the year 1914, one breach of promise case and five suits for divorce were filed in the district court of Trego county.

It is an old saying that as the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen but so far this season it has worked the other way in this part of the country.

A sign on the depot in Wa-Keeney gives the elevation of this town as 1820 feet above sea level. This is erroneous as that is just about the elevation of Russell, sixty miles east of us. The general government authorities say that the elevation of our station is 2456, and the benchmark on the top step at the west door of the court house has an elevation of 2463 feet.

The average rise in elevation from Kansas City to Denver is between seven and eight feet per mile but the railroad elevations at different stations vary considerably from the average. Ellis, being down in the valley of Big Creek, the rise from that place to Ogallah on top of the ridge is 25 feet per mile. From Wa-Keeney to Voda it is 11 feet per mile, but from Voda to Collier only 5 feet per mile.

DICK TAGRAPH.

Weather Report

Maximum and minimum temperature according to the government thermometer at Wa-Keeney for the week ending Wednesday noon.

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	45	12
Friday	50	23
Saturday	43	23
Sunday	55	23
Monday	55	29
Tuesday	49	32
Wednesday	38	13

Bright, mild calm weather has prevailed most of the time during the last ten days.

MAUD POWELL—RECITAL

The Great Violinist

The world's greatest woman violinist of all time, the greatest violinist in the United States man or woman, and one of the three greatest violinists in the entire world today—this is Maud Powell, who is to give a recital at the Fort Hays Normal Auditorium, Hays, Wednesday evening, January 27, at 8:15 p. m.

Through its State school Western Kansas can get an opportunity to hear artists of this caliber. And for this one concert alone, automobiles will bring music lovers from eight of the surrounding counties.

Henry T. Finck in the New York Evening Post says: "Maud Powell has no superior among living violinists."

The ticket sale will be held from January 4th to 11th, but no reservations will be made for reserved seats until Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p. m. All mail orders will receive careful attention. For tickets and reservations write to Professor C. J. Smith, Chairman Concert Committee, Hays, Kans. The tickets are priced at two dollars, one dollar and a half, and one dollar (\$2, \$1.50, and \$1.)

The Girl and Her Mother

The girl who is unkind to her mother isn't worth a tinker's imprecation. This isn't written in any part of the Bible, but its written in the history of thousands and thousands of misfit homes. If one of your boys ever runs across a girl with her face full of roses, with eyes that would dim the lustre of a Colorado sky and with a voice that would make the song of an angel seem discordant, and she says as she comes to the door: "I can't go for a few minutes, I've got to help mother with the dishes," don't give her up. Stick to her like a burr on a mule's tail. Just sit down on the doorstep and wait. If she joins you in two or three minutes, so much the better; but if you have to stay there a half hour, or an hour, you just wait for her. If YOU don't somebody else WILL, and in time you'll be sorry. For you'll realize what you have lost. Wait for her, boy. She's worth it.—The Horton Headlight-Commercial.

Printers' Ethics

Every once in awhile someone brings in printing with a request that it be kept a secret. Perhaps a little information concerning the rules of newspaper offices and printing plants will not be out of place. One of the first things an apprentice is taught is absolute secrecy concerning anything that is done in the office. He must not give out information as to what kind of printing is being done nor give any notice of what is to appear in the paper. Another rule is that the copy hook is sacred—that is, outsiders must not read its contents, neither should they read the copy on the case before the compositor. This last is considered by the average printer as ill-bred as the reading of private correspondence. All proof sheets, and in fact the paper itself, is considered private office property until it is delivered to the public.—Wisdom, Montana, News.

Must Pay for Paper

Judge Geo. Thomas, of Columbus, Neb., recently decided that if a man accepts a paper that is sent him, he must pay for it. The decision was rendered in the case brought by the Columbus Telegram against a man for \$2.35. The Telegram had been sent to the man's home and he had accepted it. When called upon to pay for it he refused and suit was brought. When Judge Thomas heard the evidence he instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the Telegram. Judge Thomas ruled that the old common law principle that what a man received and used he was bound to pay, or, applied in this instance.—Ex.

The Wa-Keeney State Bank makes farm loans.—Adv. 42 3t.

Belgium Relief Fund

Headquarters, Kansas Belgian Relief Fund, Topeka, Dec. 30.—Kansas Relief ship No 1 will sail from New York, Friday, January 1, with flour for hungry Belgium. Charles F. Scott of Iowa, former Congressman, will represent the state of Kansas in the ceremonies arranged by the American Commission and will sail within a few days for Rotterdam. There Mr. Scott will personally supervise the forwarding of the Kansas flour and go with it to its destination in Brussels or other cities for distribution to the starving Belgians.

Mr. Scott will go to Belgium and return at his own expense. The journey with attendant duties at New York and in Belgian cities, will require at least three weeks. Immediately upon his return Mr. Scott will make a formal report of conditions in Belgium, precisely as he may encounter them and so to give to Kansas people the first account of their contributions to Belgium's relief. Everyone in Kansas knows Mr. Scott and knows that what he may write will be of immense importance and moreover that it will be accurate.

It had been hoped that W. R. Stubbs might accompany Mr. Scott but his own business which she has practically abandoned for six weeks in the interest of Belgium, made the trip impossible.

MARKET REPORT

Kansas City Stock Yards, January 5, 1915. Fairly liberal cattle supplies at all the market centers Monday gave the week a slow start, and put buyers in command. Supply today here is 11000 head, market steady to 10 lower. Veal calves sold strong, and good heifers sold to advantage, but when it came to droves of beef steers weakness asserted itself. At the same time, salesmen admitted it was easier to clear their pens today, buyers being willing to strike a trading figure, on everything. Top native steers sold at \$9 today, highest price in two or three weeks, a few steers at \$8.50 to \$8.75, medium steers at \$7.50 to \$8.25, native cows \$5.25 to \$6.50, a few around \$7, heifers up to \$8.50, quarantine steers this week \$6.25 to \$8. The market is working around to a preference for handy weight steers, and big weights are not as popular as a few weeks ago. Considerable half fat stuff is coming, but there is less sacrifice on this kind of cattle here than elsewhere, as the feeder outlet here is wide open. Some weakness developed on stockers and feeders yesterday, but buyers are riding the alleys in troops today, and the stocker and feeder trade is the strongest item on the list. Feeders sell largely at \$7.20 to \$7.80, stockers at \$6.40 to \$7.50. The rather large supplies of cattle around the market circle this week are in line with trade prophecy for January, high cost of feed and apparent remoteness of a turn for the better in the market requiring a degree of fortitude to hold back cattle seldom possessed by feeders.

Hogs came in freely today, the final count showing 27000 head here. The market opened 10 lower, and trading was active, prices holding up well till the close, top \$7.25, bulk \$7 to \$7.20. Packers welcomed the chance to fill large orders, and succeeded in stopping at \$6.20, order buyers paying the top price. The supply today is very heavy, in view of recent runs, and is an indication of great exertion on the part of shippers, rather than a sign of continued heavy runs. Killers have had access to a large crop of hogs at all points this week, and have taken them greedily.

Sheep and lambs today, recovered 10 to 15 cents of their loss of 15 to 25 cents yesterday. Receipts are 7000 today, following 8600 yesterday. The close was firm, with good prospects ahead. Top lambs brought \$8.55 today, most of the lambs at \$8.35 to \$8.50, ewes \$5.60 to \$5.75, wethers at \$6.40, yearlings \$7.25.

J. A. Rickart,
 Market Correspondent.

Chester Hudson, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. High Hudson of the Blue Ribbon neighborhood, received word the first of the week that he was one of the lucky contestants in the Capper Corn contest ranking third receiving a pretty medal as a prize. Mr. Hudson won first prize for the best acre of corn in Trego county at the Farmer's Institute. This is the kind of young man that put Trego county on the state map and we are proud of him.

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